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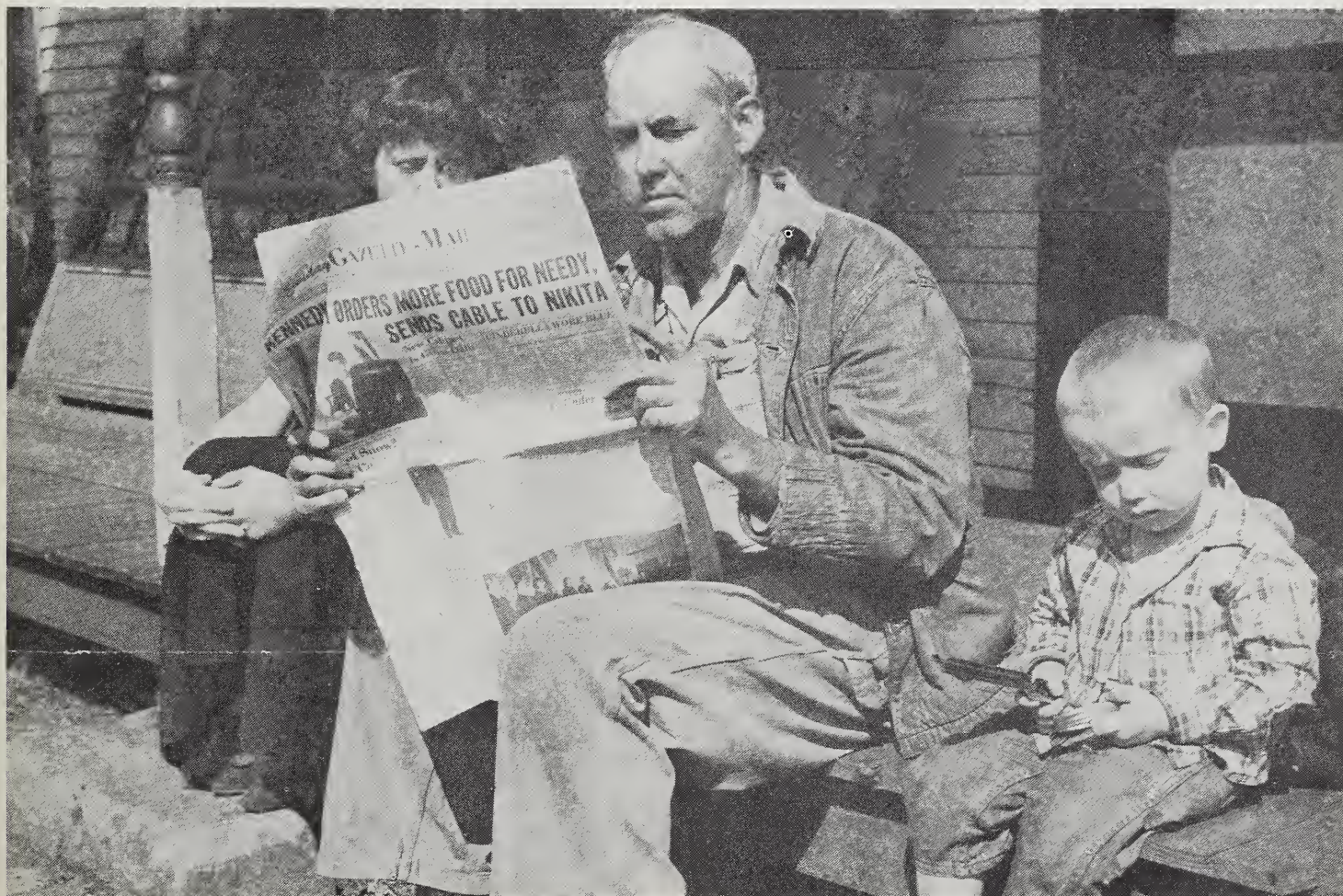
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MORE FOOD FOR NEEDY PEOPLE

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President John F. Kennedy's first Executive Order directed Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman to "take immediate steps to expand and improve the program of food distribution throughout the United States." Within 10 days, the Department began buying canned pork and gravy, dry beans and dried whole egg to supplement the butter, lard, nonfat dry milk, flour, cornmeal, and rice previously available from Government inventory. In addition, the task of processing Government-owned peanuts and oats into peanut butter and rolled oats was started. Within a month, most of the new commodities were rolling to State distributing agencies. These agencies in turn truck them to local centers where some six million needy people currently come to receive their share of America's abundance. These photographs were taken in central and southern West Virginia for the Agricultural Marketing Service.



N-39511-- West Virginia folks read the welcome news that President Kennedy's first executive action orders more food for them and for unemployed and under-employed Americans everywhere.

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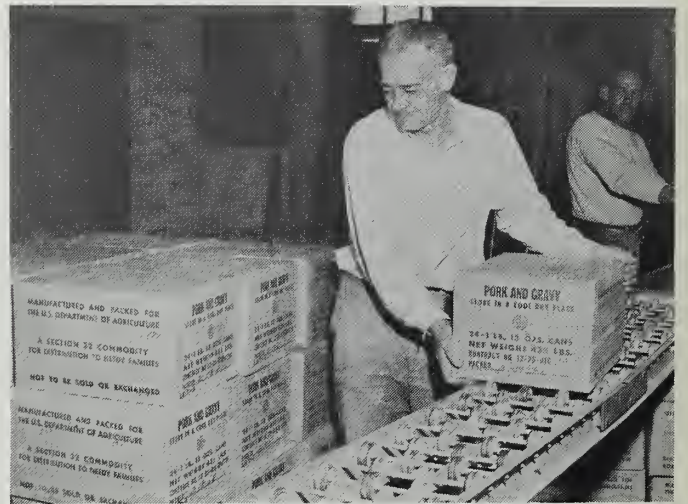
N-39514--Idle coal cars and deserted miners' shacks in Ethel, W. Va., symbolize the plight of some 105 depressed areas in the U. S., of which about 75 are characterized by the term, "Maximum chronic unemployment."



N-39508--Not all of the people in depressed areas can or will leave their homes. Here, in Ethel, W. Va., adults linger without jobs in early spring of 1961, joined by youngsters to whom poverty and hunger are the only way of life they've known.



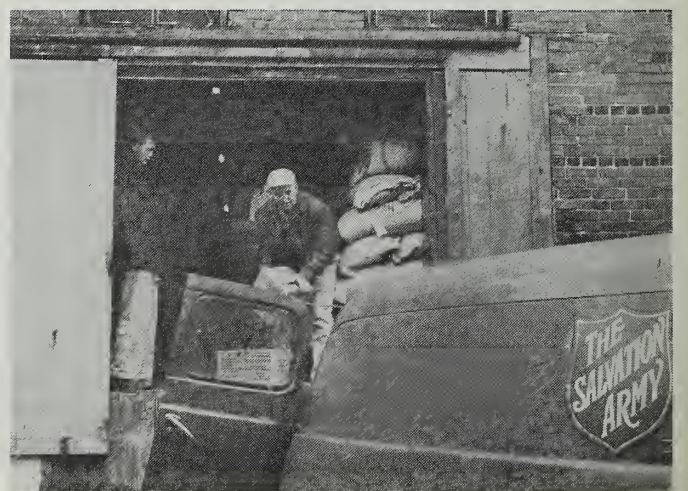
N-39503--Within a month from the date of the President's directive, new protein foods like pea beans were rolling to State distributing agencies across the land. Other commodities on the expanded list are canned pork and gravy, dried eggs, rolled oats, butter and peanut butter. This scene in West Virginia is typical of the speed with which donated foods are unloaded from rail cars directly onto trucks to be sped to distribution centers.



N-39499--Canned pork and gravy is unloaded for distribution in West Virginia--and represents the first meat many needy persons in this area have tasted in months. Other items on the expanded list are dried eggs, pea beans, peanut butter and rolled oats, supplementing the previous diets of lard, flour, butter, cornmeal, nonfat dry milk and rice.



N-39496--The task of distributing huge amounts of donated foods to nearly 6 million needy persons goes on continuously across the nation. Here a worker loads cornmeal at a Charleston, W. Va., warehouse that serves 11 surrounding counties.



N-39536--To speed USDA donated foods from warehouses to distributing centers, many local groups pitch in with labor and facilities to help State and county governmental units in the growing food distribution task.



N-39544--Distribution centers where needy people come to pick up their donated foods are busy places, like this one in Charleston, W. Va., manned by Salvation Army volunteers.



N-39526--Baskets, cartons, bags are used by recipients of donated foods to carry home their welcome allotment. At this distribution center in Chattaroy, W. Va., each eligible person receives some 20 pounds of food per month, under the expanded USDA family donation program.



N-39528--Business-like record-keeping is an important part of the family donation program, so that food stocks may be replenished and ready for next month's distribution. John McClellan, left, assistant Northeast area supervisor for the AMS Food Distribution Division and Harry Artis, right, field representative for the West Virginia State Division of Commodity Distribution, help Wallace Marcum, seated, commodity agent at Chattaroy, W. Va., as he checks his distribution records.



N-39541--To help insure efficient use of and maximum nutrition from donated commodities, recipe and menu information is brought to recipients by local specialists through newspapers, radio and television. Using basic data supplied by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Katie Doonan adapts the material to her listeners' needs on "Katie's Kitchen" broadcast over a Charleston, W. Va., radio station.



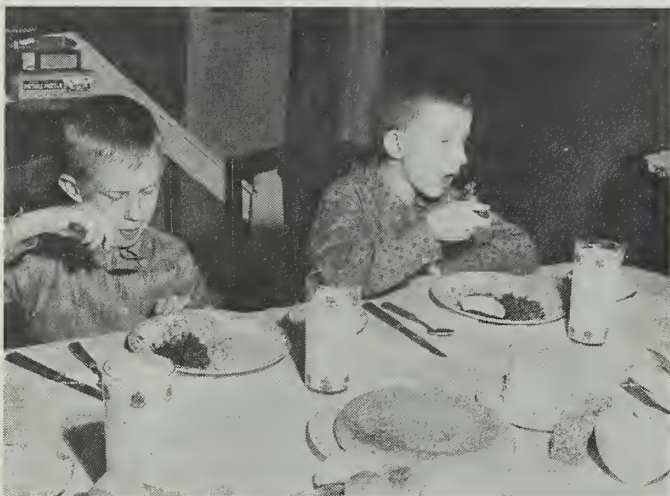
N-39539--A number of agencies--Federal-State Extension Service, State and county groups, public health authorities, local nutrition committees--cooperate in helping recipients make effective use of donated foods. Here, Mrs. Marion Cornell, director of nutrition, West Virginia Department of Health, demonstrates for TV audiences the preparation of a variety of nutritious dishes from the commodities. (WSAZ-TV, Charleston, W. Va.)



N-39538--These are some of the foods that needy families are now receiving under the expanded distribution program ordered by President Kennedy to make available to all needy families a greater variety and quantity of food out of U. S. agricultural abundance. A wide assortment of nutritious and tasty dishes can be prepared from them.



N-39519--The expanded food distribution program ordered by President Kennedy in his first Executive Order has been translated by the U. S. Department of Agriculture into more food for needy people in depressed areas across the Nation. In many instances for the first time in months, hungry Americans are able to eat meals that include protein foods like pork, beans and dried eggs.



N-39518--Youngsters like these in West Virginia are among the benefactors of the Federal Government's expanded food distribution program, which is now bringing twice as much food to needy persons across the Nation. In some depressed areas, as much as half of the population is dependent upon donated commodities for a basic diet.



N-39516--The end result of the work of many Federal, State and local people working in the food distribution program is more food for needy people. Here, West Virginians enjoy--for the first time in many months--such foods as canned pork and gravy, beans, biscuits and butter.



N-39520--"Needy people" includes the young and the old and those in between--nearly six million of them in pockets of depression scattered over the Nation. To help youngsters like these realize their share of America's agricultural abundance, President Kennedy in his first Executive Order directed the U. S. Department of Agriculture to expand and improve its program of food distribution.

